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DIARY NOTES

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15 March 1961

1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director asked me to arrange to have the Administrator of General Services over for lunch sometime soon. He also said that Senator Saltonstall wanted to visit our new building and we recollected that Mr. Cannon and some of the other members of the House Appropriations Committee wanted to do this too. He thought that they should visit it sometime soon and not wait until the building was finished. Inasmuch as the elevators are not yet in operation, I asked him to give me a few days to see what I could work out. H



b. There was considerable discussion about whether USIB members should be asked to pay for the coffee which they drink while attending USIB meetings. The Director found this very distasteful and took General Cabell and Mr. Kirkpatrick to task about it considerably. I told him that were I in his position I would go ahead and pay for the coffee out of official funds. However, no decision was made and General Cabell was opposed to this procedure.

c. The Director was a little upset about an outgoing cable which set forth the independent views of DD/P, TSD, the Office of Communications and somebody else. He told everyone around the table that we dealt as an "Agency" and that when a cable went out he did not expect it to be cluttered up with a lot of individual views; rather, these views should be coordinated and the cable should reflect the Agency's position and attitude.



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e. I raised the question of financing the operations in  and told the Director that the figures which I had heard were more than we had in our Reserve. Mr. Bissell said that he had studied this matter and had a scheme whereby the Agency would only be out \$900,000 in lieu of the \$7 plus  which the FE Division was talking about. The Director said that H

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7. I talked to Shef Edwards about having someone study his organization and we agreed that [REDACTED] would take it on.

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8. Also at the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director said that he was going to NSA on Friday afternoon and wanted to be brought up to date on the [REDACTED] before his visit. I have alerted Shef Edwards to be available for the Director's call.

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b. The Director raised the exchange of memoranda between Dick Bissell and me about the \$620,000, and particularly about the more fundamental issues which I have raised about the Comptroller not being permitted to review the Clandestine Services' budget, etc. The Director told Dick that he (Dick) was in error in criticizing the DD/S in this instance and that he, the Director, took full responsibility for whatever unhappiness Dick might have [REDACTED] Dick apologized for his memorandum and said that he had now concluded that we would have to pay this \$620,000 out of Fiscal Year 1962 money. He also reiterated his strong desire to address letters to the Secretary of State and the Director of the Budget asking that we be relieved of this responsibility and if we couldn't be that a specific allowance be made for it in our Budget. The Director approved of this procedure. However, he said that he was concerned about the more fundamental issues which I had raised in my memorandum. Dick said that he was perfectly ready to have a "summit meeting" with me on this at any time. The Director said that he didn't think very much would come of such a summit meeting and that perhaps we had all better fight this one out in the cellar. Nothing further was said about this at the meeting. However, [REDACTED] informed me later that he had asked the Director what he was going to do about this, whereupon the Director said that he was too busy and was not going to do anything further about it at this time. [REDACTED] suggested that he send the memorandum back to me. I told him I preferred that he not do this inasmuch as I had a copy of it and wanted this to remain on the record.

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9. Shef Edwards alerted me to the case in which Mr. [REDACTED] one of our DD/P boys, has written a letter to the President. The situation is in hand and Shef has taken over from a security point of view. However, it is really a "command channel" problem and the matter has been turned over to the Inspector General.

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